

Support for the Claims per 37 CFR § 1.173

While reference numerals and specification citations are inserted below, these reference numerals and citations are merely examples of where support may be found in the specification for the recitations included in the claims as originally filed and as amended per 37 CFR § 1.173 and, thus, are not to be construed as limiting.

Claim 20 and its dependents

Claim 20 relates to a roll-up closure device (D) adapted to be disposed adjacent a door opening (see, FIG. 13, for example) and movable between blocking (FIG. 1) and unblocking (FIG. 13) position relative thereto. The closure device includes a roller (32) adapted to be rotatably mountable adjacent an upper end (FIG. 4) of the door opening. The closure device further includes a curtain (34) adapted to be secured to a top end thereof to the roller whereby rotation of the roller causes the curtain to wind or unwind from the roller to move between unblocking and blocking positions, respectively. The closure device also includes guide members (22) adapted to be disposed at the lateral sides of the door opening, and guide engagement members (36 or 38) couplable to the curtain for movement therewith and engageable with the guide members to restrict their movement toward the curtain center. The closure device also include a discrete elastic member (58) coupled to the curtain for movement therewith extending laterally across the curtain, and disposed such that the elastic member can be stretched laterally (See, FIGS. 2 and 13) between the restricted guide engagement members.

Claim 21 recites that opposed ends of the elastic member are coupled to the curtain, and restricted guide engagement members are coupled to the lateral edges of the curtain, an increased lateral separation of the guide engagement members exerting a pulling force on the curtain tending to stretch the elastic member. (See, col. 5, lns. 40 – 51).

Claim 22 recites that the elastic member can be stretched to allow the curtain to yield to an applied external force without rupturing. (See, col. 7, Ins. 23 – 27).

Claim 23 recites that the guide engagement members (36) are cables extending along the lateral edge of the curtain and received in a pocket formed therein. (See, col. 5, Ins. 8 – 15).

Claim 24 recites that the guide engagement members are blocks (38) coupled to the lateral edges of the curtain at approximately the same height as the elastic member. (See, col. 5, Ins. 2 – 7; See, FIG. 2).

Claim 25 recites that a second elastic member (58) coupled to the curtain for movement therewith and extending laterally across the curtain such that the second elastic member (58) can be stretched between the restricted guide engagement members. (See, col. 5, Ins. 40 – 41).

Claim 26 and its dependents

Claim 26 relates to a roll-up closure device (D) adapted to be disposed adjacent a door opening (See, FIG. 13, for example) and moveable between blocking (FIG. 1) and unblocking position (FIG. 13) relative thereto. The closure device include a roller (32) adapted to be rotatably mountable adjacent an upper end of the door opening. The closure device further includes a curtain (34) adapted to be secured at a top end thereof to the roller whereby rotation of the roller causes the curtain to wind or unwind from the roller to move between unblocking and blocking positions, respectively. The closure device further includes guide members (22) adapted to be disposed at the lateral sides of the door opening and lateral inwardly biasing means (58) for maintaining the curtain taut, and for allowing the curtain to yield depth-wise for an applied force. The laterally inwardly biasing means is moveable with the curtain between the blocking and unblocking positions.

Claim 27 recites that the laterally inward biasing means includes guide engagement members (36 or 38) couplable to lateral edges of the curtain for movement therewith and engageable with the guide members to restrict their movement toward the curtain center and a discrete elastic member (58) coupled to the curtain for movement therewith and extending laterally across the curtain, and disposed such that the elastic member can be stretched between the restricted guide engagement members. (col. 5, lns. 40 – 51).

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